requests from Lakshadweep Island for augmenting air services by linking Agatti to Cochin for passengers as well as to cater to the cargo demand on the sector, it has been decided to include operations on Cochin-Agatti-Cochin route within the above classification of category-II.

(c) Pawan Hans Helicopter Ltd. (PHHL) operates passenger service from Augustmuni to Kedarnath and Badrinath Dham twice in a year (May-June and September to October). PHHL has been providing helicopters for carrying pilgrims to Amarnath Dham on wet lease basis to private operator since 2005 during the yatra season. PHHL has commenced operations from November, 06 with a 5 seater Bell helicopter for carrying pilgrims to Maa Ambaji and Jain Temples, Junagarh, Gujarat. The helicopter has been given on wet lease basis to a private operator. PHHL has provided helicopters on long term lease to Govt. of Meghalaya, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Andman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administration and regular passenger sevices are being run under the aegis of the respective State Government/Administration as per their requirements.

Naming of Jaipur airport

†2124. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to name the international airport at Jaipur after Maharaja Sawai Mansingh is under consideration; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New scanner machine at Delhi Airport

†2125. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a machine installed at Delhi Airport can scan even the inner wears of the human being;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it will not amount to violation of privacy; and

(c) whether air passengers are regularly informed of the fact that they can be seen naked through the machine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) A body scanning check point security system has been provided to Delhi International Airport (Pvt.) Ltd. for use on trial basis at Domestic Terminal 1 B, of IGI Airport, New Delhi. The equipment has strength to detect Metal, Ceramic, Plastic and Wood.

(b) It has been claimed by the manufacturing company that the privacy of individuals can be protected. However, this aspect would specifically be kep in view during trials/evaluation of the equipment.

(c) The equipment is not operational at present and the question of subjecting passengers to the body scanning will arise only after satisfactory conduct of trials.

Air service between Delhi and Goa

2126. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have stopped running a direct flight from Goa to Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for the premier national airline to neglect one of the most internationally favoured tourist destination; and

(c) whether the Indian Airlines propose to restart the service in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines had to discontinue the operation of the direct non-stop flight between Delhi and Goa effective March, 2002 due to poor load factor. However, Indian Airlines continues to operate a daily service between Delhi and Goa and return sector with a stop over at Mumbai.

(c) Indian Airlines presently has no plans to re-start direct flight on Delhi-Goa-Delhi route.